Some thoughts from the project manager/project assessor.

There is not a rubric for this collaborative courseware assignment and there will not be one. Everyone can build a fabulous wiki page.  All of you know that you should make sure it meets the Web Design and Usability Guidelines that we went over in January.  You understand that multimedia enhances learning, but, designing the learning experience is paramount.  You understand that I divided CH 12 into content areas and assigned each of you an area and created a page to help you get started.  Now, make your page an example of your ability to design learning experiences with a multimedia platform.

The entire wiki needs to look like it was built by a team, rather than by 9 individuals.  Yes, build your page.  Deal with the content assigned to you.  But, further, address the wiki as a whole.

* Does it look and feel the same way when you navigate from page to page?
* Are there orphaned pages?
* Do the widgets work?
* Are the widgets necessary and why or how will they help learning in the online or hybrid environment?

Collaborate!   Make sure you use the wiki features to leave a trail of your collaboration and design and building efforts.  Leave comments on the discussion board widget I created.  When you make edits in the wiki, a time stamp is left as well as a record of who made the edit.   You can leave comments about why you made an edit if you want.

Right now, the home page is under way, but it is not on the right page.  Rather, it has been built on a page I set aside for us as a design team.  There is a page called HOME, that should be the home for the wiki.  No worries.  These edits take seconds.

You may want to review some of the readings and get ideas about why and how to use elements in the design process to improve the learning experience.  Some questions could be, "should we assess each content area/page or should there be an assessment page itself?”  Should there be a resources page?  Should multimedia be designed similarly on each page? For example, are you centering videos or using a left justified look?  What about font types and sizes?  I used the exact same color of maroon for the various page titles.  Feel free to change anything you want, but, always think about the look and feel of the entire project.

Here are a few examples of courseware wikis.  There are thousands, but this should let you see what I mean by the look and feel of the project.

I am super busy and do not have time to embed these URLs.  Open them and see that they have a decent look and feel to them, regardless of content.

﻿http://ethicscourselinfield.wikispaces.com/﻿

http://freshmancourse.wikispaces.com/

http://edorigami.wikispaces.com/home

http://primaryextension.wikispaces.com/home